

House Bill 1347

By: Representative Anderson of the 116th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act creating the board of commissioners of Burke County, approved August
2 21, 1911 (Ga. L. 1911, p. 390), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 14, 1983
3 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 3804), so as to reapportion the commissioner districts; to define certain
4 terms; to provide for members currently serving; to provide for the submission of this Act
5 to the United States Department of Justice; to provide for related matters; to provide
6 effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act creating the board of commissioners of Burke County, approved August 21, 1911
10 (Ga. L. 1911, p. 390), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 14, 1983 (Ga. L.
11 1983, p. 3804), is amended by striking in their entirety subsections (b) and (c) of Section 1
12 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "(b) For purposes of electing members of the board of commissioners, Burke County is
14 divided into five commissioner districts. The five commissioner districts shall be and
15 correspond to those five numbered districts described in and attached to and made a part
16 of this Act and further identified as Plan Name: burkep1 Plan Type: Local User: Tara
17 Administrator: Burke.

18 (c) When used in such attachment, the terms 'Tract' and 'BG' (Block Group) shall mean
19 and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of
20 the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. The
21 separate numeric designations in a Tract description which are underneath a 'BG' heading
22 shall mean and describe individual Blocks within a Block Group as provided in the report
23 of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
24 Georgia. Any part of Burke County which is not included in any such district described
25 in that attachment shall be included within that district contiguous to such part which
26 contains the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2000 for

1 the State of Georgia. Any part of Burke County which is described in that attachment as
2 being in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included within such district if such
3 part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included
4 within that district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according
5 to the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of Georgia. Except as otherwise
6 provided in the description of any commissioner district, whenever the description of such
7 district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that city as
8 shown on the census map for the United States decennial census of 2000 for the State of
9 Georgia."

10

SECTION 2.

11 It is the purpose of this Act to reapportion the districts from which members of the board of
12 commissioners of Burke County are to be elected in the November, 2002, general election
13 and in subsequent general elections, and this Act results from changes in population based
14 on the United States decennial census of 2000. It is not the intention of the General Assembly
15 to affect the membership of current members of the board, their terms of office, or the
16 manner in which their successors shall be elected, and such matters shall remain as provided
17 by law on the effective date of this Act until otherwise amended by law, except to the extent
18 of reapportioning the districts represented by such members.

19

SECTION 3.

20 It shall be the duty of the attorney of the board of commissioners of Burke County to submit
21 this Act for approval pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
22 amended.

23

SECTION 4.

24 The provisions of this Act relating to and necessary for the regular election in 2002 of
25 members of the board of commissioners of Burke County shall become effective upon its
26 approval by the Governor or upon its becoming effective without such approval; and this Act
27 shall otherwise become effective January 1, 2003.

28

SECTION 5.

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.